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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: VOA Ukrainian Broadcasts Meeting held
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PARTICIPANTS: Mr. John Devine, Dept. of State

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1. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss with Mr. Devine the possibility of improving the VOA Ukrainian broadcasts.

2. ☐ outlined to Mr. Devine the following possible ways in which the contents and supervision of the Ukrainian broadcasts could be improved:

a. Improve the quality of the Ukrainian broadcasts:

(1) Develop programs which are more Ukrainian in character.

(2) Avoid using Great Russian or Polish names.

(3) In describing the suffering of the people under the Soviet yoke, do not exclude the Ukrainians, who have also endured tremendous suffering and many of whose nationals are still in concentration camps.

(4) Whenever possible, give favorable mention to the Ukrainian efforts in resisting the Soviets.

(5) Make periodic appeals to Ukrainian patriotism.

(6) Develop programs describing examples of Ukrainian history, Ukrainian national life, local customs, etc.

(7) Describe more fully the activities of the major Ukrainian emigre groups, particularly those actively engaged in fighting the Bolshevik regime.

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b. Bring about the reorganization and expansion of the Ukrainian VOA staff:

(1) Include qualified personnel from the Ukrainian groups which are more sympathetic towards the national aspirations and which are being utilized by the U.S. for other than political purposes.

c. Remove the Ukrainian staff and programs from under the direction of the Great Russian unit:

(1) Other non-Russian units which prepare broadcasts to the USSR are not under Great Russian control.

(2) Do not rebroadcast in Ukrainian the same programs which were specifically developed for the Russian broadcasts.

3. Mr. Devine felt that these recommendations were reasonable and suggested that he would take them up with Mr. Ed Kretzman, who is Mr. Kohler's Deputy on Policy Matters.

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